Gun Street Girl

Tom Waits

One, two, three

Falling James in the Tahoe mud

Stick around to tell us all a tale

Well, he fell in love with a Gun Street girl

And now he's dancing in the Birmingham jail

Dancing in the Birmingham jailHe took a hundred dollars off a slaughterhouse Joe

Brought a brand new Michigan twenty-gauge

He got all liquored up on that road house corn

Blew a hole in the hood of a yellow Corvette

A hole in the hood of a yellow CorvetteHe bought a second-hand Nova from a Cuban Chinese

And dyed his hair in the bathroom of a Texaco

With a pawnshop radio, quarter past four

He left for Waukegan at the slamming of the door

Left for Waukegan at the slamming of the doorI said John, John, he's long gone

Gone to Indiana, ain't never coming home

I said John, John, he's long gone

Gone to Indiana, ain't never coming homeHe's sitting in a sycamore in St. John's wood

Soaking day-old bread in kerosene

Well, he was blue as a robin's egg and brown as a hog

He's staying out of circulation till the dogs get tired

Out of circulation till the dogs get tiredShadow fixed the toilet with an old trombone

He never get up in the morning on a Saturday

Sitting by the Erie with a bull-whipped dog

Telling everyone he saw, "they went that-a-way, boys"

Telling everyone he saw, "they went that-a-way" Now the rain's like gravel on an old tin roof

And the Burlington Northern pulling out of the world

Now a head full of bourbon and a dream in the straw

And a Gun Street girl was the cause of it all

A Gun Street girl was the cause of it all Well, he's riding in the shadow by the St. Joe ridge

Hearing the click-clack tapping of a blind man's cane

He was pulling into Baker on a New Year's Eve

One eye on a pistol and the other on the door

One eye on a pistol and the other on the doorMiss Charlotte took her satchel down to King Fish Row

Smuggled in a brand new pair of alligator shoes

With her fireman's raincoat and her long yellow hair

Well, they tied her to a tree with a skinny millionaire

Tied her to a tree with a skinny millionaireI said John, John, he's long gone

Gone to Indiana, ain't never coming home

I said John, John, he's long gone

Gone to Indiana, ain't never coming homeBanging on the table with an old tin cup
Sing I'll never kiss a Gun Street girl again
Never kiss a Gun Street girl again
I'll never kiss a Gun Street girl againI said John, John, he's long gone
Gone to Indiana, ain't never coming home
I said John, John, he's long gone
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